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C17 ~~23~~ 23. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the filter includes a plurality of openings for fluid flow therethrough.

~~23~~ 3 24. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~22~~ 21, further comprising a tapered frame coupled to the filter.

~~24~~ 4 25. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~24~~ 23 3, wherein the frame includes a mouth adapted to operate between an expanded profile and a collapsible profile.

~~25~~ 5 26. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~25~~ 24 4, further comprising a rib having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end is coupled to the guidewire and the second end is coupled to the mouth.

~~26~~ 6 27. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~25~~ 24 4, wherein the mouth is biased to be in the expanded profile.

~~27~~ 7 28. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the docking member is tapered.

~~28~~ 8 29. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the docking member is rigidly coupled to the guidewire.

~~9~~ ~~30~~ <sup>21</sup> 30. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~22~~ <sup>1</sup>, wherein the docking member is detachably coupled to the guidewire.

~~10~~ ~~30~~ <sup>21</sup> 31. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~22~~ <sup>1</sup>, wherein the docking member further comprises a channel.

~~11~~ ~~31~~ <sup>30</sup> 32. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~31~~ <sup>10</sup>, wherein a portion of the filter may be disposed within the channel.

~~32~~ <sup>33</sup> 33. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim 32, wherein at least a portion of the tapered member is disposed within the sheath.

~~33~~ 34. (New) A distal protection device, comprising:  
a sheath;  
a guidewire, wherein at least a portion of the guidewire passes through the sheath;  
a filter having a plurality of openings;  
a tapered frame coupled to the filter, the frame including a mouth;  
a rib having a first end and a second end;  
wherein the first end is coupled to the guidewire and the second end is coupled to the mouth; and  
a tapered member coupled to the guidewire.

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35. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~34~~ 33 13, wherein the mouth is adapted to operate between an expanded profile and a collapsible profile.

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36. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~35~~ 34 14, wherein the mouth is biased to be in the expanded profile.

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37. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~34~~ 33 13, wherein the docking member is tapered.

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38. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~34~~ 33 13, wherein the docking member is rigidly coupled to the guidewire.

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39. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~34~~ 33 13, wherein the docking member is detachably coupled to the guidewire.

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40. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~34~~ 33 13, wherein the docking member further comprises a channel.

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41. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~40~~ 39 15, wherein a portion of the filter may be disposed within the channel.

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42. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim ~~34~~ 33 13, wherein at least a portion of the docking member is disposed within the sheath.